## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Hiroshi Tanaka et al.

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Image Forming Apparatus, an Exchange Storage Unit and an Information Administering Method

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

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Dear Sir

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 28, 2009, Applicant elects for prosecution the claims of Invention I, Claims 1-16, without traverse.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

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